

RED RIVER



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– Institute of Medicine. 1996. *Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press. p. 12

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History¹

Red River Parish was created by the State Legislature on March 2, 1871, from portions of Natchitoches, DeSoto and Bienville parishes and named for the Red River which flows through the length of the parish. Coushatta was incorporated and made the parish seat in 1871. The name Coushatta is from a tribe of the Creek Indian nation that once inhabited the area. Lake End and East Point were the sites of early trading posts and boat landings associated with plantations.



Culture and Recreation³

The Coushatta City Park offers a number of recreational opportunities. There is also a public boat launch site on Red River which is open and free of charge. The Christmas Celebration and the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree takes place in Coushatta, on the second Saturday in December. The Lignite Festival is held the first Saturday in May.

Parish Seat¹ Coushatta¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

None

Parish Population²

1990 9,387

1997 (estimate) 9,873

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White 60%

African American 40%

Other 0%

Male 47%

Female 53%

Population age 0-4 8%

Populations age 65 & over 16%

Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation 145 ft.

Land area in square miles 388.6



Water area in square miles⁴ 13.5

Climate²

Average temperatures

Annual 66°

January 51°

July 82°

Annual average rainfall 66 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian 3,820

Employed 3,410

Unemployed 410

Unemployment 10.6%

Agriculture¹

Cotton and soybeans.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Bossier

Bossier Parish Community College

Shreveport

Centenary College

Louisiana State University

Southern University

Natchitoches

Northwestern State University

Public Libraries⁵ 1

References

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² Louisiana Department of Economic Development. 1999. Louisiana Overview. keyword: overview <http://ded.state.la.us>

³ Louisiana Office of Tourism. 1998. keywords: regional information <http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism.htm>

⁴ Police Jury Association of Louisiana. <http://www.lpgov.org/>

⁵ State Library of Louisiana. keyword: directories <http://smt.state.lib.la.us/>

⁶ U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1998. Population Estimates. 1998. keywords: parish name <http://www.census.gov/datamap/www/22.html>

Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	7.8%
High school graduate or higher	57.4%
Some college or higher	21.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.7%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

Hood Industries, Inc. (Lumber)	105
Huckabee Memorial Hospital (Medical)	85
B & C Wood Company, Inc. (Timber)	75

Public Employers

Red River Parish School System (Education)	288
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Poverty and Income

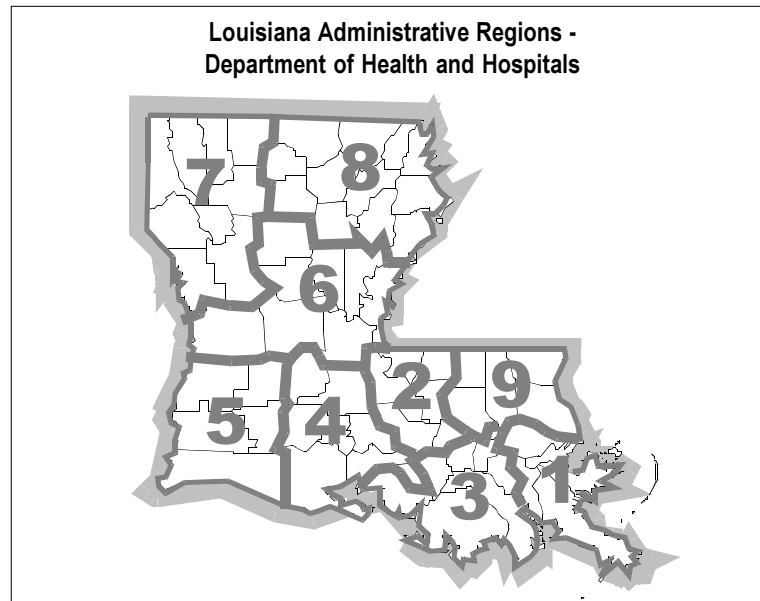
Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	27.2%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	38.6%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$15,685



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⁷ U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1998. keywords: people, poverty, small area income and poverty estimates <http://www.census.gov>

⁸ U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration. 1999. keywords: economics and statistical administration <http://www.doc.gov>.



Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington